The Earl *MORTIMER*'s

SPEECH.

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THIS Rise is made, yet! and we now stand, rank'd,
To view about us, all that were above us!
Nought hinders now our Prospect, all are even,
We walk upon a Level. *Mortimer*
Is a great Lord of late, and a new Thing! ——— *A Prince, an Earl, and Co-*
At what a divers Price, do divers Men *sin to the King.*
Act the same things! Another might have had
Perhaps the Hurdle, or at least the Ax,
For what I have this Crownet, Robes and Wax.
There is a Fate, that flies with towring Spirits
Home to the Mark, and never checks at Conscience.
Poor plodding Priests, and preaching Friars may make
Their hollow Pulpits, and the empty Isles
Of Churches ring with that round Word: But we
That draw the subtile and more piercing Air,
In that sublimed Region of Court,
Know all is good, we make so, and go on
Secur'd by the Prosperity of our Crimes.
To day, is *Mortimer* made Earl of *March.*
For what? For that, the very thinking it
Would make a Citizen start! some Politick Tradesman
Curl with the Caution of a Constable!
But I, who am no Common Councel Man,
Knew, Injuries of that dark Nature done
Were to be throughly done, and not be left
To fear of a Revenge. They are light Offences
Which admit that. The great ones get above it.
Man doth not nurse a deadlier Piece of Folly
To his high temper, and brave Soul, than that
Of fancying Goodness, and a Seal to live by
So differing from Man's Life. As if with Lions,
Bears, Tigers, Wolves, and all those Beasts of Prey,
He would affect to be a Sheep! Can Man
Neglect what is, so, to attain what should be,
As rather he will call on his own Ruin,
Than work t'assure his Safety? I should think
When 'mongst a World of bad, none can be good,
(I mean so absolutely good and perfect,
As our religious Confessors would have us)
It is enough, we do decline the Rumour
Of doing monstrous things: And, yet, if those
Were of emolument, unto our Ends,
Even of those, the wise man will make Friends
For all the Brand, and safely do the ill,
As Usurers rob, or our Physicians kill.

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